

MAYOR'S COUSIN SAVED FROM DEATH

Tom Curl, Pilot of Chickahominy,
Rescued by Richmond Fish-
ing Party.

IN WATER FOR HALF AN HOUR

Knocked Out of Boat, He Swung
to Branches, Which Kept Him
from Drowning.

Tom Curl, sixty-seven years old, known to Virginia fishermen as the "Pilot of the Chickahominy," and who for thirty-five consecutive years has made his living as oarsman for sportsmen of this and other cities, narrowly escaped death by drowning within less than a mile of Lanexa Station yesterday afternoon, and was rescued by Jake Cull, a member of a party which went from Richmond to spend the day on the river at a clubhouse a mile and a half below the famous fishing ground. Curl, whose life on the river has not enabled him to acquire the art of swimming, remained in the cold water for more than an hour, and was almost overcome with exhaustion when discovered by the merest chance by Mr. Cull while the latter was on his way up the river in a rowboat at 6:30 o'clock. If he had not been found the well-known pilot would either have gone to a watery grave or else have spent the night swinging to a limb in water twenty feet deep.

Knocked from Towhead.
As is his usual custom when the club members visit the "Pilot," Curl, as he is familiarly styled by his intimate friends, had spent the day with the party from this city, and was rowing up the river to his hut, when, in passing under the limb, he was knocked from his seat. His boat, driven shoreward by a stiff in-running tide, was quickly out of his reach, and was found later in the brush near the bank. His hat could not be found, and both ears were some distance from the water. Curl, who is now leaning over the old man, with the tenacity of a bulldog, was clinging to the tree, he heard cries for help. The voice, ordinarily loud and clear, had become weak, and as the life-saver states, "I was impressed with the fact that whoever uttered the sounds was in a desperate fix. He was on the opposite side of the river, nearly a quarter of a mile away. Curl's head and arms were all that could be seen when the rescuer came in sight of him."

Fought With Pickett.
Curl, who is perhaps as interesting a personage as any of the many frequenters of the Chickahominy, has been in the thick of the charge at Gettysburg. His wife and several children have long since died, and unwilling to become a burden to relatives he entered upon the solitary life of a hermit. His hut, which was built by his own hands, nestled under a steep cliff within a few feet of the river. Shivering with cold and almost unable to speak after his experience, in which he so narrowly escaped a horrible death, Curl knew the river so well he never did believe it would take his life. I almost cried my lungs out before any one came to me, and I couldn't have lasted much longer. I must have a new boat, because I can't ever go to bed again."

Now With The Mayor

No Action Taken as Yet on Ordinance
for Consolidation.
There are still in the hands of the Mayor, awaiting executive approval or veto, a large batch of city ordinances concurred in by the Board of Aldermen last Tuesday night. After being engrossed, City Clerk Ben T. Agnew presented the entire lot to the Mayor on Friday morning.

A series, pertaining to street improvements, was signed by the Mayor that day in order that they might be taken up by the Board of Aldermen on Friday night and the work ordered done. All of the other papers, including a large variety of ordinances, among which is the one declaring the annexation of Manchester to be desirable, and appointing a committee of conference, are still in the hands of the Mayor, who has five days from the time the ordinances are presented to affix his signature or veto. There is apparently no ground for the rumor which spread in Manchester last night that the Mayor had vetoed the act for consolidation. Soon after the preliminary ordinance for the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester by the Board of Aldermen's signature, which will be within a short while, the members of the Chamber of Commerce of this city and the Business Men's Association of Manchester and Chesterfield will join in putting the matter up to the Manchester Council as a formal proposition. While the movement has been hanging fire in the Council here, both of these organizations have been engaged in collecting data which will show to the benefit which will accrue to both cities as a result of the consolidation.

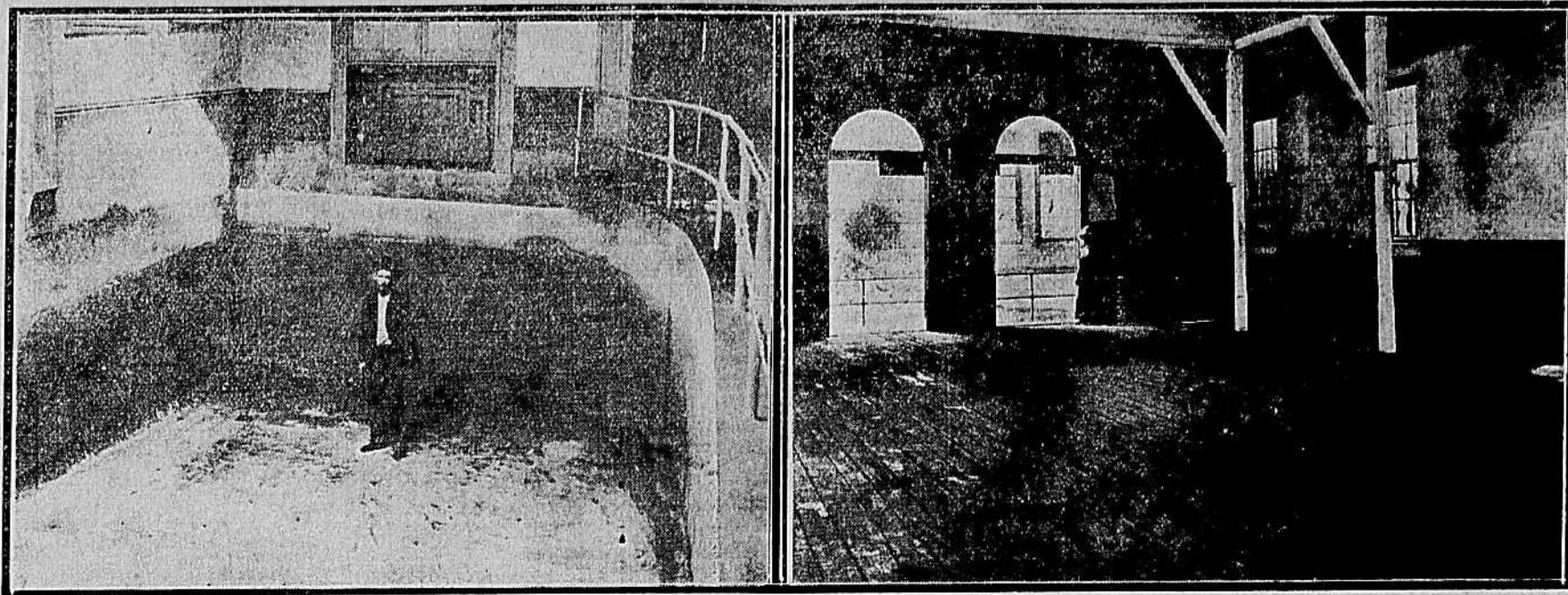
COMPLETE DELEGATION

Post A Will Fill List of Representatives to Convention To-Night.
Post A. Travelers' Protective Association, will hold a meeting in its hall to-night at 8:15 o'clock for the purpose of electing the remainder of the delegates to the State convention which will be held at Martinsville next Thursday and Friday. More than twenty of the delegates were elected at the annual meeting of the post two weeks ago. The local organization, however, is entitled to thirty delegates. Mr. C. A. Christian is working to have the full quota of delegates present, and many other members besides. Arrangements for the trip are now under way and will be announced within the next few days.

Will Speak to Ministers.
Rev. A. Wilbur Crafts, D. D., secretary of the International Reform Union in Washington, who spoke to a meeting of men under the auspices of the Central Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, and to a large audience last night at Centenary Methodist Church, will address the ministers of the city to-day at noon in the hall of the Central Y. M. C. A.

Dorothy Palmer Better.
Dorothy Virginia Palmer, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Palmer, of 820 1/2 North Fifth Street, who has been ill several weeks with pneumonia, is convalescing. It is expected she will be out in a few days.

CHARITY PATIENTS BUILD GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL



THE SWIMMING POOL.

GYMNASIUM, SOON TO BE EQUIPPED.

Photos by Foster.

BOARD HEAR CHARGES TO-NIGHT

Inspector Curtis Demands Investigation as to Connection With Hatcher Dairy.

Formal investigation will be made to-night of the charges brought by H. H. Hatcher, a Chesterfield county dairyman, against Dairy Inspector Curtis, the Board of Health sitting as a court. A number of witnesses have been summoned, and will be examined on oath. President W. T. Oppenheimer presiding. The investigation is made at the request of the dairy inspector himself. When the systematic inspection of the sources of Richmond milk supply was first inaugurated by the Health Department more than a year ago, there were some complaints on the part of a few dealers against Inspector Curtis, but it was believed that all of these had been settled, and officials of the Health Department have expressed the highest confidence both in his integrity and ability.

Recently James Bellwood, a Chesterfield county dairyman, got into an altercation with the inspector, which was investigated by the Chief Health Officer and the president of the Board of Health. While Mr. Bellwood made a number of threats of court proceedings and vague allusions to injustice done him, he brought no direct charges, and after inspection of the farm, President Oppenheimer and Chief Health Officer Levy, in order to avoid continuing friction, agreed with Mr. Bellwood that hereafter another inspector than Mr. Curtis should be sent to score that place. The friction was promptly renewed, however, by a statement from Mr. Bellwood that he had "forced" the officials of the Health Department to come to his farm, which was promptly denied by President Oppenheimer, who said he had gone on a friendly visit to the farm, and that the dairy inspection made effective with as little hardship on the milk producers as possible.

Later an article appeared in an afternoon paper in which it was alleged that Mr. Hatcher, a neighbor of Mr. Bellwood's, had been advised by Inspector Curtis to go out of the dairy business, and that Mr. Curtis found a purchaser for the cows at a profit. It was on this publication that Inspector Curtis has asked an investigation, and Alfred B. Williams, editor of the News Leader, and author of the article in question, has been summoned as a witness. Mr. Hatcher has brought no direct charge before the Health Board, but has been invited to appear to-night.

Chief Health Officer Levy says there can be no doubt but that the inspection will be thorough, and that no attempt will be made to whitewash any couple of the department. Members of the Board of Health, with President Oppenheimer, are Dr. Moses D. Hoge, Dr. R. D. Garlin, James R. Gordon and James B. Phillips, Jr.

Naval Party Here.
Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. W. R. Gherard and their party, which registered at the Jefferson Hotel early yesterday morning from Old Point left for Washington yesterday afternoon. Besides the hosts there were Miss Oliver, Miss Carlisle, Miss Parker, M. P. Symington, M. S. Cheney, R. Hudekover, Captain Gilmore, E. H. Brooke and Lieutenant-Commander H. V. Butler. They are all from Washington.

COUNTY TURNED THE HOSE ON WALDERMIER DASZKECZICZ

Man With Strange Name Found Asleep in Henrico Highway, With Dust Heap for a Pillow—Cleaned Him as They Would a Buggy.

He could give the name very glibly in the Polish language, but it couldn't get by with the county officers. Finally he wrote it in a very legible hand. The strip of paper is on exhibition at the county jail. Waldermier Daszkeczicz, more glibly than the dust which served for his pillow, fell into the clutches of the law yesterday while peacefully slumbering in the middle of the county road. So sound was his sleep that several citizens drove past him on their way to church without disturbing his rest. One of them reported the matter to Constable Burch, who after some prodding brought him out of oblivion. With many protests in his own language and a Pigeon-English jargon, the sleeper tried in vain to tell the officer how it all happened, and probably why he was not a person to be run in. The language of the Poles, however, had been left out of the education of Constable Burch, so the talk availed nothing. The main talk came at the jail, where certain credentials were necessary for

DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER BONDS

Finance Committee Called for To-Morrow Night to Consider Large Improvement.

Council committees called to-night are the Committees on Water and on Relief of the Poor. The latter will again consider the disposal of the old colored almshouse property, now lying idle, while the Water Committee will hear the first report from its consulting engineer as to the preliminary steps toward replacing the Settling Basin flume.

Tuesday night the Committee on Finance meets to consider the proposed bond issue for sewers and water mains. Chairman Pollard has expressed himself enthusiastically in favor of the project, while other members believe that the work is absolutely needed, but would prefer rather than so large a bond issue, the endorsement of the plan prepared by the City Engineer, and the carrying it out in sections during a period of from three to five years, thus obviating the necessity for so large a bond issue at a time when the city is not far from its bond limit.

The Committee on Light will make an inspection of the new work at the municipal gas plant on Wednesday afternoon. The work of rehabilitation is now rapidly nearing completion, and the committee proposes to inspect each part before final settlement is made.

GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN

Lassiter Pushing Subject Throughout the State—Candidates Taking Part.
State Senator Charles T. Lassiter, who is stumping the State in the interests of the good roads movement, will speak to-day at Dayton, Kentucky. Judge William Hodges Mann and Harry S. George Tucker will be there at the time. Each will probably have something to say in the cause of better roads, and it has been rumored that there is a possibility of a joint debate.

To-morrow Senator Lassiter is scheduled to deliver a speech at Lawrenceville. Next Monday he will appear before a large meeting at Kenbridge, Kentucky, and in addition to his speech on good roads, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the Virginia Railway will hold a large agricultural meeting, at which speeches will be made by some of the leading State authorities on subjects that are of interest and profit to the farmer.

CHAMBER PREPARES FOR TWO CONVENTIONS IN MAY

The convention committees of the Chamber of Commerce, together with that of the City Council, will be busy during the rest of this month making the necessary arrangements for the reception of the convention of the Air-Brake Association, which is to meet this city May 11 to 14, and the convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which convenes May 25 and 26. The committees have many considerations in their new features by way of entertaining the visitors and advertising the city. It is expected that each meeting will be of material benefit to the enterprising citizens of Richmond. The details are in the hands of Business Manager William T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce.

ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING PAROLE

John Webb, Colored, Wanted to Go Home to Fish and Buy Pigs for Family in Winter.

Convict No. 7124, John Squire Webb, colored, was arrested early last night as he was about to board a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train for Washington, on a warrant charging him with violation of his parole.

Webb came down yesterday from the farm of Joseph Anderson, which adjoins the State farm, where, it seems, he had been "farmed" out for the unexpired term in the penitentiary. He had been there several months, and his term would have ended in October, when he would have been free to come and go as he liked. Afraid that his request to go to his home near Washington would be refused, he decided to venture without the consent, wishing, he said, to go home to get his wife and children, and to buy pigs for the coming of winter. He had about \$30 with him, and it was his intention to stay at home two weeks, catch his fish, buy two pigs, put his house in order and then return to Mr. Anderson.

He seemed to be much downcast after the arrest. "I was sho' comin' back," he said earnestly. "I jes' wanted to fix up my family for de winter, and go home to get my wife and children. When winter comes you sho'ly is goin' to be behin'." Everybody sympathized with him, for he seemed to be telling the truth, and his great sorrow appeared to be that he could not go home and attend to his family. Webb was convicted of robbing a house, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He stayed in prison only a few days, and then was paroled. Just how he was placed in charge of Mr. Anderson does not seem clear, though there may be some arrangements between him and the prison.

He had with him a spelling book, carefully wrapped up. He said that he had devoted much of his spare time studying spelling, for, as he said, he could write very well, but was very slow in spelling. He is thirty-eight years old. He owns a few acres near Washington, and earns his living by truck farming. His attempt to escape will be required to serve his full term out behind the walls of the penitentiary.

POLICE MAKE HEROIC RESCUE

Draw Wm. Booker from Depths of Shockoe, in Which He Thought to Escape Them.

Looking more like a sand-bagger than a human being, William Booker, colored, was rescued from the depths of Shockoe Creek yesterday afternoon after an attempt to elude police officers who had butted into a little private game of crap he was having with his friend, Charles Robinson.

The two were deep in the game when the police discerned their quarry from afar. They approached gun-footedly, and nabbed Robinson. Booker took a flying leap and dove head foremost into Shockoe Creek. He thought it was shallow where he struck, but it took him over the head, and down to the bottom he went. He reappeared an instant later, and gurgled a cry for help. Not waiting to don their life-preservers, the police went after him, and with the aid of a croquet pole, they drew him out. "Po' Gawd," the half-drowned wretch gasped, "I ain't never gonna shoot no crap no more." His grammar was bad, but for the time being he was in earnest. He was drenched through and through, and he was mud from head to foot, for the purling Shockoe about which the poets have written so many rhymes is not so beautiful at this point as one would believe. In fact, it is muddier than the "Jeezums," and the "Jeezums" is muddier none.

Booker was taken, shivering, to the Second Station, and there he dried his clothes and cursed his luck at the same time.

Daily Hearing on To-day.
John W. Donly, sixteen years old, will be arraigned in the United States District Court at 10 o'clock this morning to stand trial on an indictment charging the theft of letters from post-office boxes. An effort will be made to have him sent to the reformatory.

CONFIRM EIGHTY AT ST. PETER'S

Impressive Services Mark Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Catholic Parish.

Special services marking the beginning of the diamond jubilee of St. Peter's Parish, of the Catholic Church, in this city, were held yesterday, the present plan being to have a more elaborate series of services in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church in the Fall.

Yesterday's services began at 7 A. M., when mass was celebrated by Bishop Van De Vyver, assisted by Father Magri and Father Gieseman. About eighty persons, the majority of whom were boys and girls of the congregation, made their first communion at this mass, after which the bishop gave the sacrament of confirmation. About 100 altar boys took part in the mass, under the direction of Brother Charles. The music was of appropriate character, and the altar was elaborately decorated with white flowers. Notwithstanding the hour, the audience exceeded the size of the church.

At 11 A. M. solemn high mass was celebrated in the presence of Bishop Van De Vyver, who occupied a throne on one side of the altar. Mass was celebrated by Father Gieseman, with Father Hannigan as deacon and Father Magri as sub-deacon. Brother Charles acting as master of ceremonies. The sermon was delivered to a large congregation by Father Hannigan, being appropriate to the anniversary of the founding of the parish. After the mass the bishop spoke from the throne, telling something of his own connection with the parish for thirty years and alluding to the fact that he had himself received into the church the fathers and grandfathers of some who were present at their first communion. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Archer repeated the Easter music.

Yesterday afternoon the children of the parish assembled for a renewal of their baptismal vows, and a girl read alternately the vows of baptism, which were accepted by all present.

NOT TILL OCTOBER, MAYBE

Alleged Repeating Charges Will Probably Go Over for Hearing in Fall.
District Attorney Lewis has not yet been able to determine definitely whether or not the cases of the government against the Warner Moore Company, charged with violations of the interstate commerce acts, in receiving rebates, will be tried at the present term of the United States District Court. Service of papers in the case was made, it is alleged, following investigations by experts of the commission.

No witnesses have been summoned in the case, and the docket is at present very much congested. It seems possible that the hearing will not be held until the fall term, which convenes in October. Judge Waddill has been designated to sit in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and this will likely shorten the term in the lower court.

Another important case to go over will be that against David E. Casper, the Henrico distiller, who is charged with violations of the revenue laws. Casper was jointly indicted with Fred Cox, whose trial, which concluded Saturday before last, resulted in an acquittal. Judge Lewis states that the outcome in the Cox case will have no effect on his determination to try his associate.

FLOUR AT TEN PER. BUT GOWN MUST CARRY 502 BUTTONS

Housewives Can Stand Any Jump in Wheat, So Long as Button Tariff Won't Reduce Number Below Aristocratic Mark—Then Who Cares About Advance in Cabbage?

"Do you know this thing of keeping house is getting fierce, absolutely fierce," said the Richmond woman as she shuffled the cards. "I see by the papers that flour is going to \$10 a barrel. Meats have jumped like the cow that went over the moon. Everything is higher."

The conversation had changed suddenly from things to wear to things to eat, and all the housekeepers around the table had a groan big enough to vote. One of the players took no interest in the talk; she boarded.

"When this tariff will hurt some," said another. "Why a jeweler told me to-day that the American watch manufacturers had insisted upon a tariff on foreign watches. Think of it. I cannot get a thin Swiss watch for less than \$10.00. I have never heard of Congressmen change the laws."

"Who cares about Swiss watches when flour is going higher?" said the first speaker, with feeling. "Look how cabbages have jumped, and potatoes

CHARITY PATIENTS DO ALL THE WORK

Interior of Old Ballard Building
Put in Order by the
Inmates.

HOME IS WELL EQUIPPED

Great Work for Relief of Poor
Combines Effort to Save
Juveniles.

More than 1,500 meals have been furnished homeless or wayward boys, and nearly the same number to girls, who have, since the Juvenile Protective Association of Virginia was organized on October 1, 1903, been directly in charge of the authorities of that organization.

The need of such work has been established beyond question of doubt, and the success thus far attained is such as to inspire enthusiasm in the organization, as well as to urge them on to even more active work in the future.

Of those who have been cared for by the Juvenile Association, which has its headquarters in the old Ballard Hotel building, fourteenth and Franklin Streets, where Rev. James Buchanan, secretary of the Associated Charities, has personal charge of the work among the children, seventeen boys have been induced to accept homes in worthy families, and thirteen girls have been diverted from evil associations and have been placed where they are now being given the advantages of pure home life, education and other privileges essential in causing them to become good residents in the community.

Teach Children to Work.
Many of the cases brought to the attention of the association, of which Joseph E. Willard, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, is the president, have been serious delinquencies which were previously not thought to exist in Richmond, famed far and near for its light criminal records. The wards are taught, while inmates of the detention home, to learn industrial work, which will enable them to become valuable assets in any family which may agree to take them in.

Aside from the work among children, the Associated Charities, within the last few months, when many men were out of work and many wives and families forced to suffer the consequences, has done invaluable work in caring for the worthy and needy classes. The work is conducted on the principle that a man unwilling to work is unworthy, and accordingly those who refuse to earn a board and lodging are turned out as soon as the tendency to loaf is shown.

During the past five months \$11 days of work have been done by such men, and several thousands of dollars have been expended in supplying food to families. Groceries are distributed through a commissary department, which is thoroughly systematized. Nearly \$200 has been spent in paying rents and in relieving distress warrants.

Must Earn Their Living.
The articles distributed are flour, lard, coffee, sugar, pork, fresh meat, meal, oatmeal, hominy, beans, potatoes, bread, gits, milk, baking powder and soap. In many instances, the work is conducted a tailor's shop, shoemaker's shop, carpenter's shop, and among the unemployed who have earned their livelihood there are carpenters, bricklayers, linemen, cement workers, plasterers, painters, electricians, paper-hangers, machinists, plumbers, cooks. The interior of the building has the appearance daily of being a beehive of industry.

Equipment for the boys' work, including shower baths, gymnasium, swimming-pool and reception hall, has all been furnished. The boys, who are almost invariably have proved to be willing to undertake anything to secure the necessities of life for those dependent on them. A reception hall will be held shortly when the general public will be given an opportunity to inspect for itself the work being undertaken for the advancement of organized charity.

The manner in which all charitable organizations have co-operated to assist suffering and needy, the needs call for strong commendation. Experience has taught, says a worker, "that the problems of organized charity are fundamentally one, that overlapping and indiscriminate duplication of charity wastes strength and defeats purpose. The aim is for a more efficient, systematic and comprehensive administration of charitable funds."

Fencing a Hard Problem.
Since November 1, 1903, there have been 2,316 appeals for aid at the office of the Associated Charities. Each call has been carefully investigated and a knowledge of facts ascertained. In addition to these demands there have been received 1,500 telephone calls. The object is to administer all necessary relief to the deserving poor, and to place them on their feet as a permanent individuals and public industries in their behalf.

In the family department, where many of the most pitiful situations are seen, fourteen families, and the result has been to begin giving homes in the five months. The families are kept until work is secured for the wage-earner, and then they are aided in going into housekeeping on their own account. Meals have been furnished to 8,261 men, which seems remarkable in so short a space of time; but this emphasizes more than any other single fact, the great problem organized charity has undertaken to solve.

With the help given to the industrial field, there comes the proposition of the homeless families. During the present fiscal year, 230 beds have been furnished to nineteen women, and 715 meals have been served. The demand for such aid is increasing, and the placing of all such in good homes. The Associated Charities endeavor to co-operate with the City Mission, the Visiting Nurses' Association and the Board of Health, and the result has been a remarkable improvement in conditions prevailing among Richmond's deserving poor.

Husband and Wife Arrested.
D. F. McKnight and Katherine McKnight, his wife, will appear before Magistrate Lewis this morning on the charges of trespass on the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company's property, and on the charge of carrying a dangerous weapon. The woman admits that she was drunk, and adds that when she was under the influence of liquor she was light a "cross-cut saw." She is particularly bitter over the result of the trial, and says she can stay in jail as long as her husband can.